



Sunday, December 27, 2020  
Service for The Lord's Day  
11 a.m.



Is it you?  
Luke 2:22-40



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# Gathering Around the Word

Preservice Music

A Christmas Pastoral (Sussex Carol)  
*Benjamin Dawson, violin; Vicki Fey, organ*

Charles Callahan

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
*Clayton Heidbreder, organ*

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Kate McAlister

Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
*Congregation and Chancel Choir; Vicki Fey, organ*  
*Recorded Christmas Eve, 2018*

MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”**

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

**Mother God, we are caught in a chaotic world that we at times attribute to that chaos. When we choose to speak ill of our neighbor or refuse a helping hand, we allow chaos to rule in the world and in our heart.**

**God, we are to be your loving servants. Instead of being freed by your love, we choose to remain shackled by our human emotions of hatred, resentment and shame.**

**God, as we walk humbly with you, may we be reminded daily to reconcile with You, our neighbors and ourselves. Grant us the heart that you want us to have for the world. May we be ambassadors for your peace and a light to the world.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Response

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*Lucy Baum, Tricia Berrett, Xieyi (Abby) Zhang, Trace Haythorn, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard*

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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Passing of The Peace

## Proclaiming The Word

Children's Sermon

Jasiel H. Garcia

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Mary Kate McAlister

Sermon

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## Responding to and Sending The Word

Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

*Chancel Choir; Vicki Fey, keyboard*

Prayers of The People

Jessica Patchett

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, our Mother, our Parent in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever. Amen.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into The World

Hymn 545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace  
*Jennifer Sengin, vocals ; Vicki Fey, keyboard*

LAND OF REST

**Lord, bid your servant go in peace;  
your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
this child so long foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world,  
the Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
the joy of Israel.**

Blessing and Benediction

Mary Kate McAlister

Sending Music

Joyous Christmas Bells  
*Clayton Heidbreder, organ*

Edward Broughton

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**I**n this season, we, remember God's love is God's gift to us all. Receiving God's love, and in turn sharing this love in abundant ways with one another and our neighbors is the greatest gift. As of today, thanks to a generous response of this congregation to God's call, we are at roughly 88% of our annual 2021 goal. We are hopeful that with your continued generosity and commitment we will achieve this goal before the end of the calendar year. It takes all of us and all of our gifts to re-create our world with God. Please join us in making your pledge this week by visiting:

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# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

## Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

## Song of Simeon

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

This unrhymed 20th-century paraphrase by a Scottish Jesuit gives fresh immediacy to the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32) and recaptures something of that aged priest's sense of wonder in beholding the infant Christ. The shape note tune enhances the text's down-to-earth quality.

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